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RAIL BRIDGE BY-PASS  
DAI LOI, NORTH VIETNAM  
2115N 10541E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS A NEW RAIL BRIDGE BY-PASS ADJACENT TO THE HA NOI/LAO CAI RAIL LINE AND THE DAI LOI RAIL BRIDGE OVER SONG CA LO (RIVER)

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2. LOCATION:

THE NEW BRIDGE BY-PASS IS LOCATED IN CENTRAL NORTH VIETNAM, BETWEEN PHUC YEN AND VIET TRI, SEVENTEEN NM NORTHWEST OF HA NOI.

3. REMARKS:

THE HA NOI/LAO CAI RAILROAD IS AN IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN HA NOI AND WESTERN CHINA, AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE EXPENDED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO KEEP THE LINE OPEN.

4. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS A METER GAUGE RAIL LINE BY-PASS BRIDGE ADJACENT TO THE DAI LOI RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER THE SONG CA LO (RIVER). THE BY-PASS BRIDGE RUNS PARALLEL TO THE HA NOI/LAO CAI RAIL LINE AND TERMINATES ON EITHER SIDE OF THE SONG CA LO (RIVER) IN TWO 2-TRACK

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TRANSLOADING YARDS AT UTM's WJ715509 AND WJ722505. THE BY-PASS BRIDGE APPEARS TO BE OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION, HAVING MINIMAL RAIL SUPPORTS, AND PROBABLY IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING SINGLE AND/OR LIGHTER RAIL CARS WITH TRANSLOADING OPERATIONS REQUIRED AT EACH END. BOTH BRIDGES ARE SERVICEABLE.

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